

CLAIMS

1. A method of transmitting the identity of a calling subscriber (subscriber A) to a called subscriber (subscriber B) in a mobile communication system comprising a home location register (HLR) for permanent storage of subscriber data on mobile stations (MS) registered in the network, and at least one visitor location register (VLR) for temporary storage of subscriber data on mobile stations (MS) located in the geographical area monitored by the visitor location register, whereby signalling that is unrelated to the speech connection is transmitted between the switching centres (GMSC, MSC) and registers (HLR, VLR) of the mobile communication system, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the identity of subscriber A is transmitted to the mobile services switching centre (MSC) of subscriber B via signalling that is unrelated to the speech connection.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the identity of subscriber A is transmitted before call set-up.

A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2; characterized in that the home location register (HLR) transmits to the visitor location register (VLR) the identity of subscriber A in connection with a request for routing in-

formation.

4. A method as claimed in claim 3, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the identity of subscriber A is transmitted in a MAP PROVIDE_ROAMING_NUMBER message.

5. A method as chaimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in the subscriber B is located in a visited network.

6. A mobile communication system comprising a home location register (HLR) for permanent storage of subscriber data on mobile stations (MS) registered in the network, and at least one visitor location register (VLR) for temporary storage of subscriber data on mobile stations (MS) located in the geographical area monitored by the visitor location register (VLR), whereby signalling that is unrelated to the speech connection is transmitted between the switching centres (GMSC, MSC) and registers (HLR, VLR) of the mobile communication system, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the mobile communication system is arranged to transmit the identity of subscriber A to the mobile services switching centre (MSC) of subscriber B via signalling that is unrelated to the speech connection.

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10 7. A mobile communication system as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the home location register (HLR) is arranged to transmit

the identity of subscriber A to the visitor location register (VLR) in connection

with a request for routing information.

8. A mobile companication system as claimed in claim 7, charzed in that the nome location register (HLR) is arranged to transmit the identity of subscriber A in a MAP PROVIDE_ROAMING_NUMBER message.

9. A mobile communication system as claimed in claim 8, 7 or 8, characterized in that subscriber B is located in a visited network.

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